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DEVICE)

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

WO-1999/012394; JP 11-054268; EP-859539; JP 08-220560; and JP 06-186578 were cited in European Patent Application No. 05010071.8 in a Search Report dated September 13, 2005 (copy enclosed).

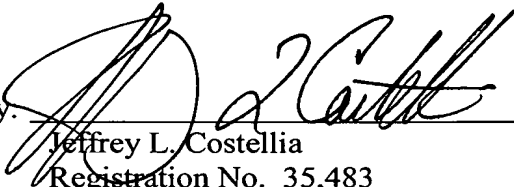
Applicants wish to bring to the Examiner's attention the following: US2002/0089497, US 6,359,606, and EP 961525 are in the same family as WO-99/012394; US 6,147,451 is in the same family as JP-11-054268; US 6,049,167 is in the same family as EP-859539; US 2002/0056844, US 6,355,942, US 6,011,607, US2004/0141139, and US 6,703,643 are in the same family as JP-08-220560; US 5,412,493 is in the same family as JP-06-265940; and US 6,542,137, US 6,862,011, and US2004/196220 are in the same family as JP-2000-223279.

In addition to the above, applicants wish to note that JP-06-265940; JP-2000-223279 and WO98/013811 disclose multi-gate structure and may relate to the claims of the subject application.

It is requested that the accompanying PTO-1449 be considered and made of record in the above-identified application. To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initial a copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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